

Notice of Changes to the Illinois American Water Sewer Treatment Charge

The sewerage treatment for your area in Will County is contracted by the Village of Tinley Park through the Illinois American Water Company (IAW). As a private utility, their billing rates are approved by the Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC) in Springfield. The Village simply passes their sewer treatment charges through to the utility customer and does not add any additional charges in the billing process.

The Village of Tinley Park has recently received notice from the Illinois American Water Company that a new rate schedule has been approved by the Illinois Commerce Commission. The new rates became effective January 1, 2017.

The new quarterly base service charge is \$129.60 (which includes the first 3,000 gallons of water usage); plus \$4.109 per thousand gallons of water used in excess of 3,000. The residential properties in the IAW service area have dual meters so that outside water use (lawn irrigation, pools, etc.) is excluded from the sanitary sewer treatment calculations. All affected customers will see an increase in their sewer treatment charges. As previously referenced, the Village of Tinley Park does not set these rates. The final rates approved above are lower than had initially been submitted to the ICC in January 2016.

The treatment fees reflected on your February bill will include the pro-rated charge for January 1 to January 31 at the new rate. Your May 2017 bill will include all three months of sewer treatment billed at the new rates.

The Cook County portion of Tinley Park receives sewer treatment services through the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD). Their charge for treatment services is based on property values and appears as part of the property owner's Cook County real estate tax bill. There is no equivalent central agency performing sanitary sewer services in Will County. Treatment services in Will County are performed by individual municipalities or private utility companies such as IAW.

The Village of Tinley Park has entered into service contracts with the MWRD, the Village of Frankfort, and Illinois-American Water Company whose existing sewer treatment facilities can accommodate the sewerage disposal needs for the Tinley Park portion of Will County. Their respective service areas are based on geographic areas known as Facilities Planning Areas. These sewer service contracts are more economical for our residents and businesses than for the Village of Tinley Park to construct and operate its own facility.

For additional information, please see the enclosed Frequently Asked Questions section. If you have any questions regarding this information, please contact Public Works at 708-444-5500.